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DECLARATION OF CREFLOW A. DOLLAR, JR.

1. My name is Creflow Augustus Dollar, Jr. I am the pastor of the World Changer's Ministry Christian Center, located at 2500 Burdette Road, College Park, Georgia 30214. I reside at 125 Lakemont Drive, Fayetteville, Georgia 30214. I am an African-American.

2. I lived in Atlanta for many years, and I am submitting this Declaration to the Federal Communications Commission to provide it with my testimony concerning the contributions to the community's welfare provided by the WHSG-TV programming service during the license term that began on February 23, 1991, and the end of February, 1992 (hereinafter referred to as the "License Term."

3. The World Changer's Ministry Christian Center (hereinafter referred to as the "Church") was established in 1986 with me as its pastor and now has 10,000 predominantly African-American members. We operate between 25 to 30 outreach ministries at any one time. Some of these ministries include a prison ministry, a ministry to drug addicts and alcoholics, a homeless ministry, a day care center, and many others. One of our activities is to sponsor "Soul Fest" festivals once or twice a year at government housing projects in the city. In addition to feeding people good, nutritious foods, we also try to minister to the other needs that they will share with us, and we assign people to that neighborhood to follow-up in an attempt to meet those needs.

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4. Beginning on October 6, 1991 through the end of the License Term, the Church broadcast a program on WHSG-TV called Changing Your Life. This half hour program was broadcast only on WHSG-TV and appeared each week at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday morning. While the program was primarily a preaching and religious ministry, during the License Term I regularly preached about issues that were current in the community, most particularly about racism, then and now our number one problem. I also preached about the evils of drug and alcohol addiction and about the wave of violence flowing across our community. The program also gave us an opportunity, that we availed ourself of every week, of introducing the area to one of our ministries, so that people who were watching the program would know where to come for help with some of their problems.

5. The opportunity to viewed on WHSG-TV had an obvious and immediate impact on our ministries here at church. Very soon after our show started being seen on channel 63 our church had a large increase in membership. I believe our church grew by as many as 3,000 members because of our ministry being seen on WHSG-TV. We also saw an increase in the number of people who took advantage of our ministry to the drug and alcohol addicted. From the time we went on the air until the end of the License Term there were at least 10 people who took part in our ministry to the drug and alcohol addicted who came to us because they were watching WHSG-TV.

6. During the License Term I and my family were regular viewers of WHSG-TV, meaning that we watched the station every night. During the License Term I thought that Candi Staton

Sussewell's programs were particularly responsive to and sensitive to the needs of the African-American community in Atlanta. Mrs. Sussewell is a native of Atlanta and was constantly referring to Atlanta and its problems during her shows. Mrs. Sussewell has personal experience with alcohol and drug addiction, and is very moving in describing the impact on these addictions on people's lives. Part of Mrs. Sussewell's ministry is to the drug and alcohol dependent, and I never saw one of her program's that didn't minister to those afflicted with those addictions.

7. One of my children, who was only two at the time, enjoyed watching The Gospel Bill Show broadcast on Saturday mornings throughout the License Term. The show always was non-violent and affirming of values, and each show taught the children a moral lesson. The children learned religious lessons as well as were taught memorization skills by learning to quote scripture, and on one show that I recall the children were literally taught right from wrong, in this instance by comparing right attitudes, such as "happy" or "helpful" to wrong attitudes, such as "angry."

8. WHSG-TV already had acquired a reputation in the community, at least in my community, during the License Term. WHSG-TV had a reputation for being a sound Christian TV station where the programming was completely wholesome, in that none of the programming showed violence of any kind, and which had no sexual innuendo or content.

SUPPORTING DECLARATION

I, Creflow A. Dollar, Jr., hereby declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the United States and the State of Georgia, that the foregoing "Declaration of Creflow A. Dollar, Jr.," consisting of three (3) pages, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Executed this 1 day of April, 1994.

Creflow A. Dollar, Jr.
Creflow A. Dollar, Jr.

VERIFIED STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR THE
RENEWAL GRANT OF WHSG-TV, MONROE, GEORGIA

My name is K. Debra Douglas. I live at 1980 Childress Dr^{SW}
(state your name) (give your address,

Atlanta GA 30311

. I have been
which must be within the channel 63 service area).

watching WHSG-TV, channel 63 on a regular basis, at least _____ hours
per day, since it came on the air February 22, 1991, and continuing
through March 1, 1992. Indeed, I have continuously watched channel
63, although I am here confining my comments to the February 22, 1991 -
February 27, 1992 time frame. Watching channel 63 has been a positive
experience that has helped me deal with my problems.

(Describe in your own words, how watching channel 63 has affected
your life.)

It has enhanced my life, often
lifting me out of pits & bouts of depression,
by giving me hope in the resurrection
of Jesus Christ. It has often given me
the fortitude to get through hard times.

What I have described is true. I give this testimony under penalty
of perjury of laws of the state of Georgia, and I understand that this
completed form will be submitted to the Federal Communications Commis-
sion in connection with WHSG-TV's renewal application.

Kesh Debra Douglas
Signature

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VERIFIED STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR THE
RENEWAL GRANT OF WHSG-TV, MONROE, GEORGIA

My name is Shelia M. Hollimon live at 3818 Loyola Ct
(state your name) (give your address,

Decatur GA 30034. I have been
which must be within the channel 63 service area).

watching WHSG-TV, channel 63 on a regular basis, at least 3 hours
per day, since it came on the air February 22, 1991, and continuing
through March 1, 1992. Indeed, I have continuously watched channel
63, although I am here confining my comments to the February 22, 1991 -
February 27, 1992 time frame. Watching channel 63 has been a positive
experience that has helped me deal with my problems.

(Describe in your own words, how watching channel 63 has affected
your life.)

Channel 63 is inspirational, uplifting
and an encouragement. It brings
forth positive messages + information.
Practically speaking, the programming
~~brings~~ provides tools that help on
the job, to raise our kids and to
relate to people of all walks of life.
My ^{two} sons watch the Saturday ^{morning} program
which are very positive and teach the
key principles to successful
living. The programming reaches
all people who respond to love
& work better.

What I have described is true. I give this testimony under penalty
of perjury of laws of the state of Georgia, and I understand that this
completed form will be submitted to the Federal Communications Commis-
sion in connection with WHSG-TV's renewal application.

Shelia M. Hollimon
Signature

Name: Shelia M. Hollimon

Address: 3818 Loyola Ct
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Date: _____

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THE DECLARATION OF JOSEPH H. HUNTER

1. My name is Joseph H. Hunter. I am the president and founder of Truck Stop Ministries located at P.O. Box 16612, Atlanta Georgia 30321. I reside at 62 Ann Court, McDonough, Georgia 30253.

2. I have lived in Atlanta or the Atlanta area since 1974, and I am submitting this declaration to provide the Federal Communications Commission with my testimony concerning the benefits which the WHSG-TV programming service provided to the community during the License Term which began on February 23, 1991 through the end of February 1992 (hereinafter referred to as the "License Term").

3. In addition to my involvement with Truck Stop Ministries, I am also a member of the board of Directors of Open Door Ministries, Inc., an evangelical Christian Ministry that seeks to build missions in other countries. The Truck Stop Ministries has been in existence for thirteen years. Its objective is to provide ministry to the thousands of truckers who criss-cross our country each day. Truck Stop Ministries purchases tractor trailers which it renovates as combination chapels and rest facilities. These facilities are then located at truck stops on well traveled roads across the country. We now have 25 truck stop chapel/facilities in 12 states, with over 200 volunteers working with us to staff our facilities. We hope to provide a permanent and wholesome alternative to the drug use and prostitution that is a part of so many trucker's lives, to offer them an opportunity to rest and relax in a family oriented atmosphere, and to provide a place where they may pray and worship if they choose. As part of our ministry we have an 800 number that truckers may call at anytime for help of

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any kind, from drug and alcohol counseling to assistance with an accident.

4. My family and I were regular viewers of WHSG-TV during the License Term, meaning that I watched WHSG-TV almost every night. We also have televisions in most of our truck stop facilities in the Atlanta area and across the country. Many truckers are away from home from 9 to 18 weeks on each trip. Johnny Cash once sang a song that compared truckers to "sailors on concrete seas." Truck Stop Ministries shows WHSG-TV and TBN programming in our truck stop facilities in the Atlanta area because it is wholesome and family oriented. This gives our truckers a sense of home and a connection with their own families and their own churches, the "normal" part of their lives which they are separated from as they work. Many, many truckers whom I met during the License Term in connection with my ministry in the Atlanta area have told me what a blessing WHSG-TV programming has been to them.

5. During the License Term I watched a number of programs on WHSG-TV which I believe were responsive to the problems and needs of the people to whom I minister and the rest of the Atlanta community. Drug and alcohol abuse and addiction is a terrible problem in Atlanta, and an even greater problem, if that is possible, among truckers. I remember watching a Praise the Lord programming broadcast on January 14, 1992 on which Dr. Paul Crouch interviewed Pastor Phil Aguilar of Set Free ministries in Anaheim, California. Pastor Aguilar ministers to a "nontraditional" congregation, consisting largely of bikers, street people, runaways and drug addicts. Pastor Aguilar talked about different methods and means of combating drug addition and alcohol abuse. I thought

the discussion of drug and alcohol abuse was particularly helpful, and particularly helpful to truckers, because many truckers are bikers and identify with the world of people and problems that Pastor Aguliar discussed.

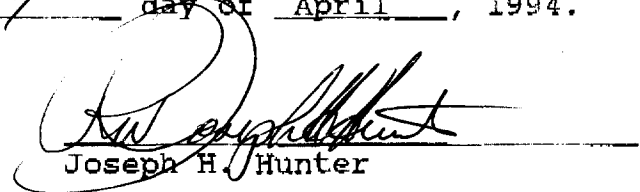
6. Dr. E. V. Hill's program was broadcast on Sunday night throughout the License Term, and it regularly discussed the problems of crime and violence. Rev. Hill pastors a large church in the Watts area of Los Angeles, and during the License Term preached powerfully against the evil of violence and crime, particularly gang violence. Rev. Hill regularly described how crime and violence corrupt people's lives and destroys their families. Rev. Hill's lessons addressed problems which we faced in the Atlanta area during the License Term. Similarly, the Candi Stanton-Sussewell Show, which was broadcast on Tuesday or Friday at 12 noon and rebroadcast later at night each week during the License Term powerfully addressed the problems of drug and alcohol abuse from the perspective of her experience with alcoholism and drug addiction in her life and that of her husband.

7. WHSG-TV provides a unique alternate programming service for the Atlanta service area. We find programming on WHSG-TV which is not available on any other channel serving the Atlanta area. WHSG-TV provides an alternative for people who wish to watch family oriented programming, for example, where grandchildren are a regular part of the Praise the Lord Show and on which there is no violence, and no sexual content or innuendo.

SUPPORTING DECLARATION

I, Joseph H. Hunter, hereby declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the United States and the State of Georgia, that the foregoing "Declaration of Joseph H. Hunter," consisting of three (3) pages, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Executed this 4th day of April, 1994.


Joseph H. Hunter

DECLARATION OF FLYNN A. JOHNSON

1. My name is Flynn A. Johnson. I am the pastor of the Atlanta Metropolitan Church located at 999 Brian Cliff Road, Atlanta, Georgia. I reside at 213 Southern Hill Drive, Duluth, Georgia, 30136. I am an African American.

2. I have been a resident of the Atlanta area for 16 years, and I am submitting this Declaration to provide the Federal Communications Commission with my testimony concerning the contributions to the community's welfare provided by the programming service broadcast by WHSG-TV during the license term beginning on February 23, 1991 and ending at the end of February, 1992.

3. In addition to pastoring the Atlanta Metropolitan Church (hereinafter referred to as the "Church"), I also serve as the bishop presiding over seven other churches. I also was the founder of the Georgia Literacy Coalition, a grass-roots organization designed to help teach people, particularly adults, to read. The state of Georgia the program to people who can't read, even though it is entirely staffed by volunteer help.

4. The Atlanta Metropolitan Church is a cross-cultural interdenominational church of roughly 1,000 members located right in the center of Atlanta. I would describe the Church as an inter-city church. Among our many ministries is the Young Life Ministry, a youth group that reaches out to the inter-city young. As part of that ministry is a program called RAWDOGS, a group of young people to articulate the message of the Gospel in the language of their

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generation. The young people reach out to other young people through performing on the streets, singing, dancing, and witnessing to the power of the gospel in their lives. We have a camp twice a year where we afford intercity youth an opportunity to enjoy the out of doors and to become part of a loving church family. We have a strong "Celebration Arts Department" where professional singers and dancers volunteer their talents to produce singing, dancing and mime acts aimed at reaching out to the community. We also have a Men's Ministry, with which a number of churches cooperate, to involve men as father-figures and role models for inter-city young men.

5. WHSG-TV programming helps the outreach ministries of my church by giving publicity to christian ministries in the community that provide similar outreach services, reinforcing people's perception that they can come to a church for help with drug and alcohol addiction, spousal abuse and other. The publicity given these ministries also serves the community by giving needy people information not available from any other source concerning organizations and ministries to which they may turn for help with their needs. One program broadcast on WHSG-TV during the license term was Changing Your World, produced by the large World Changers Ministry Christian Center here in Atlanta. The program's constant efforts to acquaint viewers with ministries designed to meet their problems and needs, including programs for persons with alcohol and drug addictions, a prison ministry, emergency food and clothing aid, and many others. Similarly, the Earl Paulk Show, produced by

the Chapel Hill Harvester Church, constantly publicizes many ministries which are designed to help people who need emergency food aid and clothing, who need help coping with family problems or drug or alcohol addictions, or, particularly with the Harvester Church, with low cost housing. Without the opportunity to publicize the many ministries that these churches and others offer to help the community many needy and hurting people would go unserved.

6. During the License Term my family and I regularly watched WHSG-TV, usually every night. We often watched programs which we thought were particularly responsive to the needs of the Atlanta community, and particularly, the African-American community in Atlanta. For example, the Praise the Lord show often featured guests discussing the real needs of our community, such as alcohol and drug addiction, violence, especially gang violence, and family break-up. Pastor E.V. Hill's Show at 8:30 Sunday night, which was seen throughout the License Term, particularly ministered to the needs of the Atlanta African-American community. Dr. Hill is the pastor of a large church in the Watts area of Los Angeles, and his messages regularly dealt with the problems of our community--drug and alcohol abuse, gang violence, and family break-up. The Earl Paulk Show, produced and broadcast here in Atlanta, regularly addressed the specific problems and needs of his congregation and the Atlanta community. For example, during the License Term there was a particular wave of violent crime that swept Atlanta. Bishop Paulk's messages addressed the root causes of the crime problem and

constantly exhorted members of the community, particularly young men, to solve their problems non-violently. Bishop Paulk's messages also dealt with the other social ills afflicting the community, such as drug and alcohol abuse.

7. The public service provided by WHSG-TV was that it provided a positive and wholesome program service for the community, which was free of violence and sexual content. Moreover, WHSG-TV provided local churches and ministries an opportunity, unavailable on other stations, to acquaint the community with the many ministries which were available to help them with their specific problems and needs.